

# South Precinct Email Community Newsletter

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Dear Community Friends:

## **Who Ya Gonna Call?**

For immediate police response, use 911 to report any crime in progress (or one that recently occurred) or suspicious activity. Examples of what to call about include any incident in which someone is in imminent physical danger (fight disturbance, abuse or assault, robbery), burglary or other property crime that recently occurred. An easy way to think about it is this: **if you want a cop to show up, Call 911.**

If you don't need immediate police response, but you want to make a report about something potentially criminal in nature, use **our non-emergency number**, which is **206.625.5011**. Some examples: a car blocking your driveway; a property crime (burglary/car prowling that happened over the weekend while you were out of town) for which you have no evidence or witnesses; graffiti or vandalism.

But who do you call when you have an on-going neighborhood issue that is not just a crime issue? Who do you call when you've got a situation that calling 911 is not going to fix? Who do you call when you have a question or concern about police services? You call the Community Police Team.

**The Community Police Team (CPT)** is a separate unit of officers in each Precinct that works on long term, on-going public safety issues. CPT members work one-on-one with neighbors, neighborhood groups, businesses and business associations. CPT Officers often partner with other City, County and State entities to affect neighborhood change. It is not uncommon for officers to work with the Department of Planning and Development regarding zoning and code enforcement issues, with Seattle Public Utilities regarding illegal dumping and graffiti clean up, with Metro Transit regarding issues at or around bus shelters, or with King County Environmental Health on abandoned properties that have become harborage for rats. You think of the agency, CPT is probably working with them on some level to positively impact the public safety of a neighborhood.

Call CPT when you have an issue in your area that cannot be resolved by contacting 911 alone. Examples include (but are definitely not limited to): abandoned vehicles; abandoned properties; nuisance properties; concerns regarding disruptive & uncivil behaviors at businesses, and everything from narcotics activity to a safety presentation for pre-schoolers.

**Your South Precinct Community Police Team Officers.** See the map accompanying this newsletter

- Officer Mike Alphin is the point of contact for concerns in the New Holly, Seward Park, Brighton, and Othello Park areas. **233-1540, [michael.alphin@seattle.gov](mailto:michael.alphin@seattle.gov)**
- Officer Ed Haynes covers North Beacon Hill. **233-2023, [ed.haynes@seattle.gov](mailto:ed.haynes@seattle.gov)**
- Officer Don Jones has Mount Baker, Genesee, Columbia City/Hillman City and the Lakewood/Seward Park area. **233-1548, [donald.jones@seattle.gov](mailto:donald.jones@seattle.gov)**
- Officer Craig "CJ" McRae, serves the South Beacon Hill, Rainier Beach, upper Rainier Beach and Rainier View neighborhoods. **233-1543, [craig.mcrae@seattle.gov](mailto:craig.mcrae@seattle.gov)**
- Officer Mike Bonet works specifically with Seattle Housing Authority High-Rise properties. These include Barton Place, Center Park and Beacon Tower. **233-1545, [michael.bonet@seattle.gov](mailto:michael.bonet@seattle.gov)**
- If you are not sure to whom you should speak, call the **general CPT line at 386-9184.**

So, if these are the people to call about some of the issues listed above, then why do neighbors call me your crime prevention guy? Stay tuned - that answer and more in our next installment.

Until next time, Take Care and Stay Safe!

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